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The Honorable Kevin Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Chairman Martin:

As you are aware from our long standing advocacy in the white spaces proceeding, The GRAMMY Awards organization (Recording Academy) is keenly interested in the Commission's pending rulemaking. We firmly believe that the Commission should move with extreme caution before approving any new portable device operations in the TV Band. Moreover, we urge the Commission to require that all such new devices provide effective and robust interference solutions for the benefit of incumbent operations, including wireless microphone users.

Most recently, the Recording Academy has taken note of the Commission's July 10th news release in which the Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) outlined a series of field tests intended to consider authorizing the operation of new white space devices in the TV broadcast spectrum.

The Recording Academy wants to extend its expertise and resources to the Commission as you set forth to execute your testing plans at an "entertainment venue." For example, we would be happy to help coordinate an FCC visit to the Lollapalooza Festival in Chicago on August 1. We believe that test results from this festival would lend significant value and engineering insight for the Commission to consider in its subsequent deliberations on the final rules. If this location/time is not suitable, we would be happy to work with your staff in selecting another location.

We hope the Commission will accept this invitation and we stand ready to help coordinate and facilitate such a visit.

Very best,

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